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On September 18, the staff entertained the Agricultural Engineering students with a stag party under the general direction of Student Branch Advisor, *Dr. John Siemens*. Following short talks by *Dr. Lanham*, Associate Dean *Howard Wakeland* of the College of Engineering, and Associate Dean *Karl Gardner* of the College of Agriculture, the students were introduced. Games and refreshments followed.

On October 2, the staff entertained the students of the Ag Mech Club under the direction of *Gary Bubenzer*. The club was honored by the attendance of *Dean O.G. Bentley* of the College of Agriculture.

At each event, students identified themselves as to Illinois county, other state, province, or homeland overseas. Idea-man *Professor Frank Andrew* had the inspiration to take a picture of each new student with his staff host. This will be sent to the parents of the student.

Both of these events were well attended, and they help the staff and students get acquainted. This, in turn, contributes very much to the fine spirit in the Department.

ALUMNI NOTES

Lloyd E. Reeser '43 is the featured Illini Agricultural Engineer for October. He is engaged in farming near Weldon, Illinois, and is active in numerous community affairs. His younger son, now a high school sophomore, is interested in studying Agricultural Engineering. His wife, *Irma*, is a sister of *R.W. "Bob" Whittaker* '46. Lloyd's brother *Lyle G. Reeser* is also an Agricultural Engineering graduate, class of '46.

Morris L. Burgener, B.S. '48, M.S. '49, has been named Director, Construction Methods Department, Research and Development Division, Portland Cement Association. The general offices of the Association have been moved to 5420 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60076, where new facilities have been provided. For many years, PCA was headquartered at 33 West Grand Avenue in Chicago.

Larry D. Negreski, B.S. '66, M.S. '67, is now manager of the Engineering and Drafting Division, Huskee-Bilt Construction Company, Route 2, Monmouth, Illinois 61462. He and his family now live at 705 North "H" Street in Monmouth.

R.A. Rastogi, Ph.D. '68, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Agricultural Engineering, College of Engineering and Technology, UP Agricultural University, Pant Nagar, India. He also serves as Deputy Director of the University Farms, in charge of land development with primary responsibility for drainage and irrigation.

Gary L. Stahl, B.S. '62, M.S. '63, has recently taken an engineering position with the Kable Printing Company in Winnebago, Illinois.

J.C. McMunn, B.S. '58, M.S. '60, has completed his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota (with a major in Engineering Mechanics), and is now a member of the technical staff at TRW Systems, 1 Space Park, Redondo Beach, California. He is responsible for analytical dynamics on various spacecraft, including Mercury and Gemini.

K.S. Virk, M.S. '68, has recently taken a position as research engineer with Texaco, Inc. at Beacon, New York 12508. Following this initial assignment, he hopes to work with Caltex, the Texaco subsidiary in his native India.

STAFF NOTES

Professor Emeritus E.W. Lehmann, first Head of the Department, has recently been named an Honorary Life Member of the National Safety Council. Professor Lehmann has served as Chairman of the Farm Conference, also as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council.

Professor J.A. Weber '42 was an instructor in a recent continuing education short course sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers. The course, dealing with soil mechanics, was a feature of the Farm, Construction, and Industrial Machinery Division Meeting held in Milwaukee in September.

Professor Ralph C. Hay represented the University of Illinois at the Second Water Quality Improvement Seminar August 12 to 14 in San Francisco. The conference, sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Water Conditioning Association International and the Fourth International Water Quality Symposium. While in California, Professor Hay also visited the Agricultural Engineering Department of the University of California, Davis.

Dr. E.F. Olver and *Dean S.V. Arya*, M.S. '56, have advised us that a special ceremony was held recently in the College of Agricultural Engineering, J. Nehru Agricultural University, Jabalpur, M.P., India, to announce the arrival of a shipment of technical books from the United States. These were donated by staff members throughout the UI College of Engineering. The program was coordinated by *Professor Ralph C. Hay*.

Dr. Olver, in addition to being advisor to *Dean Arya* and the College of Agricultural Engineering, is also Chief of Party for the Illinois Group stationed at JNAU. In addition, "Woody" is Chairman of the Party Chiefs Organization. This is made up of representatives from five other land-grant colleges and universities having major educational commitments in India.

Dr. Errol D. Rodda, B.S. '51, M.S. '60, a member of the Department Staff, is serving as an agricultural engineering consultant to the Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, U.P. Agricultural University, Pant Nagar. Still another agricultural engineer at Pant Nagar is *Mr. Donald J. Minehart*. Don had his professional training at South Dakota State University.

William J. Fletcher '50 has joined the staff of the National Safety Council as Agricultural Safety Engineer. He was formerly editor of *Farm Building News*.

Dr. and Mrs. E.J. "Ed" Monke are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born September 26. Dr. Monke, B.S. '50, M.S. '53, is a Professor of Agricultural Engineering at Purdue University.

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

Did you know that we have three sets of brothers among our undergraduate students? They are *Edward* and *Jess Lionberger*--junior and senior students, respectively, from Colusa; *Robert* and *James Sutton*, senior and freshman students from Rock Island; and *Daniel* and *David Roley*, both juniors from Shumway. Four of our students are graduates of Stewardson-Strasburg High School in Shelby County--the *Roley* twins (named above); *Donald Tate*, a junior; and freshman *Gene Rincher*.

STAFF AND DEPARTMENTAL AFFAIRS

For the second consecutive year, *Professor Carroll J.W. Drablos* is "Watermaster" of the local Hydraulic Engineers. This is an informal group that meets monthly for lunch and discussion, consisting of staff members from numerous departments, government agencies, and consulting engineering firms concerned with some phase of hydraulics. Members of the Agricultural Engineering Department staff were instrumental in its organization more than a decade ago.

The Department will host the fall meeting of the Central Illinois Section of the ASAE on Saturday, October 26. *Dr. Glenn E. Hall* of our staff is secretary-treasurer. The meeting will be held in the Agricultural Engineering Building during the forenoon. The afternoon will find the Fighting Illini entertaining the Buckeyes of Ohio State on the gridiron.

Staff personnel and members of the Illinois Student Branch, ASAE, are participating in the Quad-City Chapter Student Field Day on Saturday, November 2. Concurrent sessions for high school sophomores from thirteen Illinois high schools in that area will be held at the Engineering Research Center of Deere and Company in Moline and the International Harvester Company in East Moline. The Department always welcomes the opportunity to tell prospective students about the many fine challenges and opportunities for service in Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Mechanization. Perhaps you know of a business organization or group who would be willing to join us in sponsoring a student field day or some other form of guidance event. If interested, contact *Professor Ralph C. Hay* or *Dr. Frank B. Lanham*.

During 1968-1969, three of the four policy committees in the College of Agriculture are chaired by members of the Agricultural Engineering staff. These Chairmen are *Dr. B.A. Jones, Jr.*, Educational Policy; *Professor D.G. Jedeke*, Extension Policy; and *Ralph C. Hay*, International Agriculture. In addition, *Professor J.A. Weber* is a member of the Research Policy Committee.

Ag Guest Day was held on September 28. The Agricultural Engineering building fairly teemed with high school and junior college youth, along with a representative number of teachers, parents, and guidance counselors. Of the 148 students attending, 37 indicated an interest in Agricultural Engineering, 41 in Agricultural Mechanization, and the remainder were not certain of their specific vocational interest.

By winning half its games in the first four nights, the Department bowling team is off to a good start in the University B League. *Francis Kostrub* is Captain. Team members are *Gene Shove*, *Jack Butler*, *Jim Curtis*, *Don Jedele*, *Carroll Drablos*, *Art Muehling*, and *Ralph Hay*.

The November Letter will be compiled by *Professor Ralph Nave*.

Ralph C. Hay